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1. An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.

Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with John T. Prince on 2/25/2008, 3/10/08.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 6-10 without prejudice.

In claim 1, line 1, after “identifying” delete "an".

In claim 1, line 2, after “inhibitor of” delete "the".

In claim 1, line 2, after “of an” delete “ARE” substitute therefore --AU-rich element (ARE)--.

In claim 1, lines 1-2, after “and an” delete “HuR (Hu-Antigen R)” substitute therefore --Hu-Antigen R (HuR)--.

In claim 1, line 16, after “step(d)” delete "and/or detect the" substitute therefore --or detecting--.

In claim 3, line 2, after “full-length” insert --HuR--.

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In claim 3, lines 2-3, after "protein" delete "or a variant or mutant of a soluble form of a full-length protein".

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Figure 1 has been canceled.

3. Claims 1-5 are allowable.

Advisory Information

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